Record Nr. UNINA9910786963503321 Autore Westra Laura Titolo The supranational corporation [[electronic resource]]: beyond the multinationals / / by Laura Westra Pubbl/distr/stampa Leiden, : Brill, 2013 **ISBN** 90-04-25272-X Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (220 p.) Collana Studies in critical social sciences Disciplina 338.8/8 Soggetti Corporate power Corporations - Political activity International business enterprises - Law and legislation Juristic persons Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Preliminary Material / Richard Westra -- Introduction -- The Corporation: From the "Original Sin" (Santa Clara) to Right of Personhood (Roe) -- The Corporation: Controlling Public Health and Other Basic Rights -- The Corporation and the State: A Question of Power -- The Corporation as Criminal -- The Corporation as a Supranational Power: The European Union -- The Corporation as a Supranational Power -- Appendix I: Cases -- Appendix II: Documents -- References -- Index. Sommario/riassunto The growth of corporate power has kept pace with and even exceeded the rapid rise of globalization in the past two decades. With it has come the weakening of a nation's ability to hold corporate power in check, and the increasing inability of states to protect the rights of individuals within their national boundaries as a result of the growing number of international legal instruments. This work lays bare corporate actions both domestic and international, under the guise of legal \personhood, \' and shows how corporations flaunt laws and act as controlling powers beyond the constraints imposed on legal state citizens. Corporations are now "embedded" within domestic legal regimes and

insinuate themselves to subvert the very systems designed to restrain corporate power and protect the public weal. Using international

vehicles like the WTO and NAFTA, corporate collective power effectively supersedes the constitutional mandate of nation states.